

# ***NEWS RELEASE***

**U.S. Forest Service  
Pacific Southwest Region**



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## **U.S. Forest Service teams up with Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month**

VALLEJO, Calif., Dec. 21, 2011– The U.S. Forest Service and organizers of Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month (LSSM) are working together to promote LSSM 2012 and the health benefits of winter outdoor activity.

An agreement was signed recently by Mary Jo Tarallo, executive director for LSSM and Jim Bedwell, director of recreation, heritage and volunteer resources for the Forest Service. The agreement details the efforts to mutually encourage children and adults to learn how to ski and/or snowboard by taking lessons from professional instructors. According to Forest Service data, alpine skiing is the second most popular recreation on Forest Service land behind hiking.

Information about LSSM is being posted on Forest Service websites. Ski and snowboard areas throughout the U.S. including California offer free and reasonably priced turnkey programs during January as part of this initiative. In California, Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows have January beginner and “progression” learning offers. Information can be found at:  
<http://www.skiandsnowboardmonth.org/media-room/press-releases/partner-info/239-squaw-valley-has-january-beginner-and-qprogressionq-learning-offers->

“We are working together to create public awareness for California snow sports and winter activity outdoors,” said Randy Moore, Pacific Southwest Regional Forester.

There are 23 ski and snowboard areas and resorts in California on National Forest Service land:

- Angeles National Forest:
  - Mountain High (East, West & North)
  - Mt. Waterman
  - Mt. Baldy
- Eldorado National Forest:
  - Kirkwood Ski
  - Sierra at Tahoe
- Inyo National Forest:
  - June Mountain
  - Mammoth
- Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit:
  - Heavenly
- Klamath National Forest:
  - Mt. Ashland

- Modoc National Forest:
  - Cedar Pass
- San Bernardino National Forest:
  - Bear Mountain
  - Big Air/Green Valley
  - Snow Summit
  - Snow Valley
- Sequoia National Forest:
  - Shirley Meadow
- Sierra National Forest:
  - China Peak
- Stanislaus National Forest:
  - Bear Valley
  - Dodge Ridge
- Tahoe National Forest:
  - Donner Ski Ranch
  - Boreal Ridge
  - Alpine Meadows
  - Squaw Valley
  - Sugarbowl

Go to: <http://www.skiandsnowboardmonth.org/> for more information.

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